MEDWAY III

The Medway Festival

FRINGE

8th Sept - 21st Oct 2006

Art - Music - Poetry
Comedy - Film
Literature

FRINGE EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Fri 8th 7-10pm The Brook Theatre, Chatham
Opening of the art exhibition, entitled 'Made In Medway', short performances from a variety of poets, musicians and comedians, offering a taster of what you can expect from the forthcoming festival, and stalls featuring books and pamphlets produced by Medway writers. Exhibition free entry. Variety performance £1, redeemable against tickets brought on the night for other festival events. Please note; this is a non-smoking venue.

Sat 9th 2-11pm The Sunlight Centre, Gillingham
The 1st heat of the Battle of the Bands competition (see gig guide at www.urbanfoxpress.com for full line up). Also The Espers, The Fore and The Bresslaws. £5 half day, £8 all day

Wed 13th 8-11pm The Command House, Chatham
The 2nd heat of the Battle of the Bands competition with Endless Summer, About The City, Something Like Serenity, Know Where and more. £3.50

Thur 14th 8-10:30pm New Art Centre, Chatham
The opening of the 36 hour Photography Exhibtion. Also a slideshow entitled 'A Pinhole Photography Tour of Creative England'. £4, includes English Cream Tea.

Fri 15th 8:30-11pm The Command House, Chatham
Pete Molinari launches his new album, released on Damaged Goods. With support from guests including Wolf Howard. £3

Sat 16th 3-11pm The Sunlight Centre, Gillingham
The 3rd heat of the Battle of the Bands competition (see gig guide at www.urbanfoxpress.com for full line up). Also Kid Harpoon, Touriste, Quad Riot, One Time Champion and Carpetburn. £5 half day, £8 all day

Wed 20th 8:30-11pm The George Vaults, Rochester
An evening with writer Katherine May, who will be reading from her book 'Ghosts & Their Uses', plus ghost storytelling performances from surprise guests. £3

Fri 22nd 8-11pm The Command House, Chatham
The Smoking Dog presents poet Bill Lewis and friends, plus an open mike session for poets, musicians and film-makers. £3

Sat 23rd 6:30-11pm The Sunlight Centre, Gillingham
The Final of the Battle of the Bands. Also Opus Trees, The Long Weekend and AmanaceR. £6

Tues 26th 10-4pm The Brook Theatre, Chatham
The 'Made In Medway' exhibition closes and 'Live', another exhibition featuring the work that artists have produced live at the Festival Fringe events so far, shall open. Free Entry.

Tues 26th 7.30-10pm Wigmore Library
Poetry on the subject of 'Love & Marriage' read by the Rainham Poetry Group. Audience participation welcome subject to time. £1

Wed 27th 8:30-11pm The George Vaults, Rochester
The Smoking Dog presents blues from Kris Dollimore plus an open mike session for poets and musicians. £3

Thur 28th 8:30-11pm The George Vaults, Rochester
A celebration of the work of Charles Dickens. Featuring readings by members of the Rochester Dickens Fellowship. There will also be an opportunity for poets and writers to read out brief excerpts from their own contemporary versions of Dickens' work. £3

Fri 29th 8:30-11pm The Command House, Chatham
The Smoking Dog Club presents blues from Billy Childish & The Chatham Singers. £5

FRINGE EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Wed 4th 8-11pm The Command House, Chatham
Garage Blues from Spitfire 4. Plus Stuart Turner plays songs from his forthcoming album '(it takes) a gallon of water to make a mile of fog' - limited edition white label CD free with entry - and an open mike session for musicians, poets and film-makers. £3

Thur 5th 6:30-8.30pm The Rainham Bookshop
Talk to Urban Fox Press about publishing your own work. Also performances by poet Zara Carpenter, travel photographer David Wise and novelist Brad Harmer. £3, includes light refreshments.

Fri 6th 8:30-11pm The Command House, Chatham
The Winner of our Battle of the Bands competition plus Shotgun Junky, The Straight Paisleys and One Day Elliott. £3.50

Sat 7th 8:30-11pm The Command House, Chatham
An evening of comedy and music with Rock 'n' Rant - www.rocknrant.net - feat. Brad Harmer and guests. £3

Sat 21st 4pm The Brook Theatre, Chatham
The 'Live' exhibition closes.

More dates and acts are being added to the festival program every day, so be sure to regularly check the gig guide on **www.urbanfoxpress.com** for a full update

VENUES

If you don't know where any of the venues are, please call us on 07989 776759. Alternatively, here is some brief info that should help

The Sunlight Centre, 105 Richmond Road, Gillingham, ME7 1LX. The centre is a 15 minute walk from Gillingham Train Station. There is a map of how to get there on the 'Contact Us' page of their website www.sunlighttrust.org.uk. There is a well priced cafe at the centre.

The Command House, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TX. The pub is next to the river and Chatham Library, 15 minutes walk from Chatham Train Station and 5 minutes from the Pentagon Bus Station. A map can be found at www.thecommandhouse.co.uk

The George Vaults, 35 High Street, Rochester, ME1 1LN. A map can be found at www.georgevaults.com

The New Art Centre, 272 High Street, Chatham, ME4 4BP, is next to the Trafalgar Centre, 15 minutes walk from the Train or Pentagon Bus Station. A map can be found at www.thenac.co.uk

The Brook Theatre, Old Town Hall, Chatham ME4 4SE, opposite the Pentagon Centre..

The Rainham Bookshop, 17-25 Station Road, Rainham, Gillingham, ME8 7RS

Wigmore Library, 208 Fairview Avenue, Wigmore, Gillingham, ME8 0PX

TICKETS

You can buy tickets by calling **07989 776759** between the hours of 9am and 6pm Monday to Saturday or by emailing **info@urbanfoxpress.com**

SUNLIGHT RADIO!

Listen to local bands and DJ's on the internet on the 9th, 16th and 23rd Sept by logging onto **www.sunlighttrust.org.uk.**

Half of the profits from the Medway Festival Fringe will be given to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). The other half will be used to fund next years Fringe.

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